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Comment. The following is a translation of two letters to an Indonesian in Siam, written by a high-ranking official of an internal security agency of the Indonesian Republic, who is also influential in the present Republic Government. The letters were meant for the eyes of the recipient only. The text is presented unedited.)

Djogja, 25 Oct. 1948

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

At present the obstacles to the resumption of deliberations, i.e., the restitution of Pegangsaan Timoor and the immunity of our delegation, have been obviated -- Holland has consented to such -- and it is likely that negotiations will begin early this November.

This conference will end in a deadlock, and that is as clear as the nose on your face!

I fear that Spoor will not await the deadlock, but quickly threaten a thrust, if the rebellion in the occupied territory assumes serious proportions. The symptoms of more radical measures are now unfortunately becoming perceptible:

a ~~Fire broke out early this month in the Soerabaja Naval Base (sabotage!)~~  
~~on an area a half-mile square;~~  
on an area a half-mile square;

b A troop train was fired upon about a week ago on the stretch of track between Poerwakarta and Bandoeng, and on the following day an express train was derailed on almost the same spot, and the overturned half of the train was fired upon by automatic weapons and a cannon. Evidently the administration and people in the occupied territory are cooperating in sabotage! How else could the people have made use of a cannon, which is certainly difficult to conceal!!

c A train was deliberately derailed, and promptly fired upon, on the stretch of track between Bandoeng and Bandoeng.

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d About sixteen freight cars caught fire in a railroad yard somewhere near Soerabaja!

Our reports state that Chinese Communists have been infiltrating the occupied territory for sometime, coming from Singapore and China(Shanghai!). Spoor knows it even better than we, as usual though his well-paid network of informers, and it would not amaze me to hear him protest against infiltration on the part of our Government, while the deliberations are in session, or even before they begin! Why? Because he can't ~~keep~~ order in his own territory! And since he can't find the Chinese agents (his Intelligent Service does not think he can at present), then the Republic must be made the scapegoat.

We must be on guard precisely against this and we hope that at the proper time concrete pressure be exerted on Holland through the U.S. State Department and that this damned nuisance from Holland finally come to an end!

One thing is certain, that Holland with her powerful, super-modernly equipped army is not in a position to keep order in her area! According to dispatches from Koenigan, the Dutch sent a battalion a few days ago. You know only too well what this will mean! By playing this game entire villages have been razed with cannons and mortars! And when entire villages were burned and made desolate, the Dutch radio commentator would say: "Following a clearing action, quiet has been restored in the villages!" Quiet and peace! Naturally.

Meanwhile, it is apparent that the Dutch higher administrative circles are not willing to make any concessions. Scarcely had van Mook resigned when Mr. Abdulkadir showed his solidarity by doing the same, followed by van Mook's secretarial staff! I do not know as yet whether Mr. Court has tendered his resignation.

In the meantime Beel is hardly expected to arrive before the end of the first week in November, and in P.N.I. circles here the fear and opinion now exist that Spoor may possibly make use of this impasse to strike, in order to gain control by a military drive. I am not fully in accord with this opinion, but several things cast suspicion that the Dutch still want control here!

The P.N.I. now shows inclination to sever its connection with the Masjumi and to join with the G.R.R.I., for the purpose of taking a more radical view and position toward the national enemy.

We may now say that the military-police action against the P.K.I.-Muso has come to a close!

We are now busy coordinating administration and police in connection with the coming new crisis, which, as was noted incidentally, will originate in the occupied territory. It will mean another long pull for us, but let us hope that God will not abandon us!

Aside from that there is no news, and let's hear something from you.

A hearty handshake and good wishes for success!

Your

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Djogja, Oct. 28, 1948

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

The situation at this time is, in my personal opinion, such that the Indonesian problem can be solved only abroad, i.e., in America.

25X1A6a The K.T.N. is doing its best, but that is all we may say. And I personally do not wonder that he left for home this morning with the mission unaccomplished, just as did Graham and Du Bois. Comment. It is not known to whom the "he" refers, though it may be Cochran leaving Djogja for Batavia.)

The Republic formally declares itself ready to resume diplomatic negotiations (Holland has consented to the restitution of Pegangsaan Timur and the immunity of the Republican delegates), but everyone understands beforehand that she will get none of it.

Holland agrees to the resumption of negotiations, but refuses to begin! It is demanded that the Republic first put a stop to her schemed infiltration of Dutch-controlled territory. According to the Dutch the number of persons

proportions. It is impossible to see how she can appear in a position to maintain order, and cannot factually be considered a competent authority; Spoor has now reached the point of thinking that only complete annexation of the Republican area, i.e., a military drive, is the solution to the Indonesian problem.

It is quite possible and even highly probable that Spoor will misuse the stalemate besetting the Batavia authorities to carry out his plan.

That is the situation! At the time of the Cabinet changes in Holland, it appears that the Government asked the Catholic group whether it would relinquish its share in forming the Cabinet. The Catholics agreed with the provision that van Mook would be replaced. The appointment of Beel must in large measure be viewed from this standpoint.

Van Mook was sensitive to being watched and his supporters stood by him; his private staff's resignation was followed by that of a number of progressive officials and last but not least by Abdulkadir Widjojoatmodjo. But Holland will keep this Quisling at any cost so long as the Dutch are busy with the concoction of a puppet government which they call "Federal Government." Abdulkadir is being offered a more responsible position. It appears that he will refuse for the present, but I believe that at the critical moment he will yield to the persuasion of his wife. His wife says that it is for one month only, but experience teaches that if he accepts for the first month he will remain for the second, the third, and so on.

Holland intends to show the world in a grandiose manner that she is really and truly "progressive" and is sincere with Indonesia. The Lieut. Governor General is always an Indonesian!

Time will tell how tactless Holland is, but the Republic has been able to see through her all along.

Slowly, but surely Abdulkadir is being bound hand and foot and finally he will be deceived by the treacherous, false reports of the Dutch NEFIS (Netherlands Forces Intelligence Service) against Djogja!

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When this strike becomes a reality it will be evident that not only the Republic, but all Indonesia will become a no-man's-land, a devil's paradise, a welcoming ground for an action like that of the P.I.I.-Muso!!

The sole antitoxin is an Indonesian, national Government! The form -- federal type of union -- presently resembles it very little. And to this end the original Du Bois proposal (Cochran) serves as a reasonable starting point, but not as amended by the Dutch!

Should the U.S. State Department exert concrete pressure on Holland, then the time will be propitious, and the specific pressure should propose:

~~Rejection of the Du Bois (Cochran) proposal without~~

~~We are doing our best here and we carry on.~~

~~Sincerely A hearty handshake from~~

(continued)

Djogja, Oct. 30, 1948

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

This is important! This morning, Oct. 30, 1948, Cochran is coming to Djogja with S. Sjahrir to bring the message that Holland will not accept our 3 conditions (personal safety of delegation members, no more expulsion of Republicans from Djakarta, and restitution of Pengangsaan Timoer).

The Dutch insist that the Republic join the Provisional Government, or suffer other measures against it. This ultimatum now arrives! According to reports they would come from Semarang vis Solo, Klaten, etc. Meanwhile a total blockade will be effected beginning Nov. 1, 1948!

Tomorrow Stikker is coming to Djogja and will have a final conference with Hatta, and everything depends on the result.

We are far from losing heart yet!!

Your  
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